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**From:** Burt Twp Ambulance <btambulance@gmail.com>  
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**To:** The Office of Senator Jones; The Office of Senator Marleau; The Office of Senator Robertson; SenJEmmons; The Office of Senator Hune; The Office of Senator Schuitmaker; The Office of Senator Warren; The Office of Senator Johnson; The Office of Senator Ananich; Kendra Everett; Tony Mosesso  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 885

Dear Senators and others,

I'm writing in support of Senate Bill 885. I am Corps Chief of Burt Township Ambulance in Grand Marais, Michigan, in the Upper Peninsula. I think this bill is the first step toward improving rural EMS throughout Michigan. I am a licensed EMT-B, and an Instructor/Coordinator. I serve on the Board of Directors of the Society of Michigan EMS Instructor/Coordinators (SMEMSIC).

The changes proposed in SB 885 will make a great difference in the service we provide to residents of and visitors to the Upper Peninsula. Our volunteer ambulance corps has one ambulance, licensed at the Basic level. We are more than fifty miles from the nearest hospital and Advanced Life Support. Our ambulance corps has one paramedic (who can't operate as a paramedic on our corps and therefore works mostly out of town), seven EMT-Bs, five MFRs, and four non-medically licensed drivers. This is barely enough to keep our schedule populated. Funding and training are constant struggles. Rural EMS is in trouble, and passing this bill will help.

I hereby request that Tony Mosesso include my comments as part of the written testimony for committee.

Yours sincerely,

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